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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING OF PRINCE FAHD WITH PRESIDENT FORD
AND SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: STATE 104038

1. MOHAMMAD MAS'UD, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS JUST GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER AND INVITATION (REFTEL). FAHD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE AND HOPES THAT THE MEETING CAN BE "SOON."

2. MAS'UD SAID THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO US TO SUGGEST A DATE, BUT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR PRINCE FAHD TO MEET PRESIDENT FORD IN ROME DURING HIS STAY THERE JUNE 2-3. (HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" FOR FAHD AND PRESIDENT SADAT TO OVERLAP IN SALZBURG.) THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF ENABLING FAHD TO GET BACK TO SAUDI ARABIA QUICKLY. IF THE VISIT WERE IN THE UNITED STATES IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE AFTER THE MIDDLE OF JUNE, AND IF THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING TAKES PLACE (SEPTTEL) PROBABLY NOT UNTIL SOMETIME IN JULY, BUT FAHD WILL TRY TO BEND HIS SCHEDULE TO FIT OUR SUGGESTIONS.

3. THE TEXT OF PRINCE FAHD'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

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"HIS EXCELLENCY

DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER:

"I RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
LETTER DATED MAY 4, 1975. I THANK YOU FOR THE
KIND SETIMENTS WHICH YOUR LETTER REFLECTED AND
I APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATIONS YOU MADE GIVING
US IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CONTINUOUS
PREOCCUPATION WITH REASSESSMENT OF THE POLICY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN TOWARDS THE AREA OF
THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE INTENTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT FORD WHEN SUCH THOUGHTS CRYSTALLIZE, THAT
IS, TO TALK TO A NUMBER OF THE LEADERS OF
THE IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN AREA.

"ALL I PRAY IS THAT GOD CROWN WITH
SUCCESS ALL SINCERE EFFORTS AND BENEFICENT
ENDEAVORS WHICH SEEK THE GOOD OF THE AREA, ITS
TRANQUILITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT THEREIN OF PEACE
BASED ON RIGHT AND JUSTICE.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS CON-
DUCTED WITH HIS EXCELLENCY VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER
DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT TO THE KINGDOM WERE FRUITFUL
AND BENEFICIAL SINCE SUCH DISCUSSIONS ENCOMPASSED
THE ADVANTAGE OF VIEWS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF AMITY
AND COMPLETE FRANKNESS.

"I WISH TO EXPRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PRESIDENT AND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY GRATITUDE FOR
THE INVITATION ADDRESSED TO ME TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS A SOURCE OF PLEASURE TO ME
TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THIS GENEROUS INVITATION. I
HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE VISIT SHORTLY, ENSHALLAH.

"SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES. FAHD BIN
ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD."
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